

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON JULY 16, 2007
(Approved August 6, 2007)

The Board of Supervisors held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, July 16, 2007. Present for the meeting were supervisors W. Atlee Rinehart, John Doering, Jr, Robert F. Preston, Timothy Roland and Rosemarie C. Miller. Also in attendance were John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor and Peter Marshall, Interim Manager.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the July 2, 2007 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Doering moved to approve the revised minutes of the July 2, 2007 monthly meeting as presented. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. Mr. Roland abstained due to his absence at the July 2, 2007 monthly meeting. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 vote.

Minutes of the July 9, 2007 Zoning Taskforce Meeting

The minutes for the July 9, 2007 zoning taskforce meeting were not available.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Karl Glocker provided an annexation agreement for the Board's consideration when two or more lots are joined together as one lot.

Mr. Woessner of 164 Schoolhouse Road noted concerns of thistle in the township and Mr. Rinehart noted that violation notices have been sent.

3. OTHER BUSINES

Phase 2 Sewer Extension

Mr. Preston moved to approve Martin Tract – Tree Replacement as presented in Township Engineer's letter dated June 29, 2007 fulfilling the Board's obligation to the Martin Sewer Easement Agreement. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

NPDES Stormwater – MS4 Program

Mr. Preston moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare the proper documents for modification to the Stormwater Management Ordinance as presented in the Township Engineer's letter dated June 27, 2007. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Exoneration and Exemptions

Mr. Doering moved to approved the exoneration and exemptions presented by the Tax Collector as read by Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Phase II Sewer Project

Mr. Preston moved to approve Payment No. 3 for the Phase II Sewer Project for the amount of \$264,841.50. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Sewer Laterals

There was a discussion regarding the materials for the sewer laterals. Ken Yoder of Yoder Plumbing provided a list of questions for the Board and noted the materials found in the specifications require “Fernco Couplings” to connect to each other due to different dementional standards.

Jeff Haring of Banner Associates was presented and also noted similar concerns

The documents provided by the plumbers will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Rinehart moved to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$117,355.61. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote. The Board requested salary payouts be included in the General Fund bill payment requests in the future. There was a discussion by Mr. Doering questioning whether sufficient funds are available to pay the bills since the status of all funds have not been provided to the Board of Supervisors for many months. Mr. Rinehart indicated approximately \$35,000 of the \$117,000 is being paid by escrow funds provided by the developers for review of their project by East Coventry Township’s consultants. The motion to pay bill for the general fund was amended to include a report on the current status of all funds, information from “Prime Pay” and a cash flow projection to be available to the Board of Supervisors at the next meeting.

Mr. Doering moved to pay bills out of the Sewer Construction Loan by requisition and each requisition was individually voted upon as listed below:

Requisition No. CL-22	ARRO Consulting, Inc.	\$24,032.04
Requisition No. CL-23	EDM Consultants	\$203.46
Requisition No. CL-24	O'Donnell Weiss Mattei	\$814.00

Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Preston moved to pay bills out of the Sewer Operating Fund by requisition and each requisition was individually voted upon as listed below:

Requisition No. SRA-18	Giles & Ransome	\$105.01
Requisition No. SRA-19	Oehlert Bros	\$35.10
Requisition No. SRA-20	PECO	\$1,145.36
Requisition No. SRA-21	PA American Water	\$4.20
Requisition No. SRA-22	Verizon	\$89.68
Requisition No. SRA-23	Wrigley's Office Supply	\$37.06

Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Roland moved to pay bills for the Traffic Impact Fund in the amount of \$1,657.80.
Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Roland moved to pay bills for the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$4,350.89.
Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Doering moved to pay bills for the Highway Aid Fund in the amount of \$5,396.68.
Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Roland moved to pay bills for the Water Users Fund in the amount of \$197.43. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Preston noted the opinion letter from the Township Solicitor regarding the bonus income indicated a bonus could not be paid by a township and any such payment must be included as salary. The below motion was taken from the June 18, 2007 minutes.

“Mr. Doering moved to authorize \$4,373.00, subject to review by the Township Solicitor, to be appropriately divided between the two (2) employees not included in the prior increases with the condition that the \$4,373.00 does not become part of the employees’ base salary since benchmarking is not complete. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.”

The Township Solicitor suggested the item be discussed in execution session (the discussion is at the end of these minutes).

Mr. Preston noted that Mr. Selvaggio’s occupancy permit should be provided by the Codes Department.

Mr. Doering noted a call he received from a Parkerford citizen with concerns of unlicensed vehicles at 1531 Old Schuylkill Road and the resident’s unanswered calls to the Codes Department. The Interim Manager is to be made aware of the situation.

Mr. Roland noted the Executive Director of Schuylkill River Greenway Association would like to meet with various individuals to discuss Fricks Locks, to include members of the Historical Commission and Board of Supervisors. Mr. Roland will notify those involved of the date and time once meeting is set.

Mr. Roland noted he would be providing the Board with a master trail ordinance for review.

The Township Solicitor provided a written order for the Sprint Hearing. The Solicitor also noted that Sprint has agreed to pay for all the legal/engineering fees up to \$10,000.00. The matter will be voted on at the July 30, 2007 meeting.

The Township Solicitor requested an executive session to discuss contract matters.

Mr. Lance Parson of 79 Brownstone Drive recommended the Board look close at what the plumbers are proposing for sewer lateral materials and take into consideration the cost of tie-ins.

A resident of Earl Drive inquired about the stormwater project that had been proposed last year and Mr. Rinehart noted the funding is not available for such project. The project turned out to cost a considerable amount more than what was going to be received in grants.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop meeting recessed into executive session at 8:58 p.m. The workshop meeting reconvened at 10:02 p.m.

Mr. Doering moved to have the Interim Manager negotiate the contract with NCDS Associates for savings that was formerly signed by Mr. LaLonde without the Board of Supervisors' approval. The solicitor noted the manager did not have authority under the manager's ordinance to sign such a contract on the behalf of the township. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Doering moved to approve the payment to the two employees as noted at the June 18, 2007 with the condition associated with that motion (condition being the legality of such action) and accept the Township Solicitor opinion regarding such action stating that it is legal the way the Board compensated such employees. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart, Mr. Doering and Mr. Roland voted yes. Mr. Preston voted no. Mrs. Miller abstained due to lack of information. The motion carried with a 3-1-1 vote.

The monthly meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Doering, Jr.
Township Secretary